SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our trees, forests, forest products, shelterbelts, and all forest influences are essential to the livelihood, well-being and recreation of every citizen of the State and also aid in the protection of our wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our trees and forests are a renewable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, our State law establishes the last Friday in April as Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, the experience of the past two decades in establishing shelterbelts and other related tree planting programs has furnished living proof that trees will thrive in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, we have successfully initiated a Tree Farm Program, in which a number of farmers and timber owners have been and are recognized as outstanding in afforestation and reforestation; and

WHEREAS, it is most desirable that schools, civic organizations, and youth groups participate in programs and ceremonies which emphasize the need for the planting of trees and shrubs on farms and ranches, in the forests, in school yards and at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, the 24th day of April, 1953, as

ARBOR DAY

and respectfully urge every citizen to exercise thought and effort in the planting of trees and shrubs to beautify the home, to protect farms, farm crops and wildlife from winds, to increase the productivity of our commercial forests, to promote Tree Farms and to enhance the beauty of our State Parks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 2nd day of March, 1953.

ATTEST:

Geraldine Outcelt
Secretary of State

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

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